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## Five-Year Centennial Celebration Planned

SIU's five-year centennial celebration will open next March 9 with a Charter Day Convocation commemorating the 100th anniversary of the legal creation of the University.

The celebration will close with a similar event on July 2, 1974, centennial of the actual opening of the institution.

Theme of the entire centennial period is "The University as a Creative or Innovative Force in Society." Each event scheduled as part of the celebration will be geared to that theme.

Each year of the centennial period will emphasize a different broad area of education, as follows: 1969, teacher training; 1970, science and technology; 1971, business and agriculture; 1972, behavioral and social science; 1973, expression and communication, and 1974, higher education.

Vice President Charles D. Tenney is general chairman of the centennial observance, with Professor R. Buckminster Fuller as honorary chairman and Dr. Martin Van Brown as representative of the board of trustees.

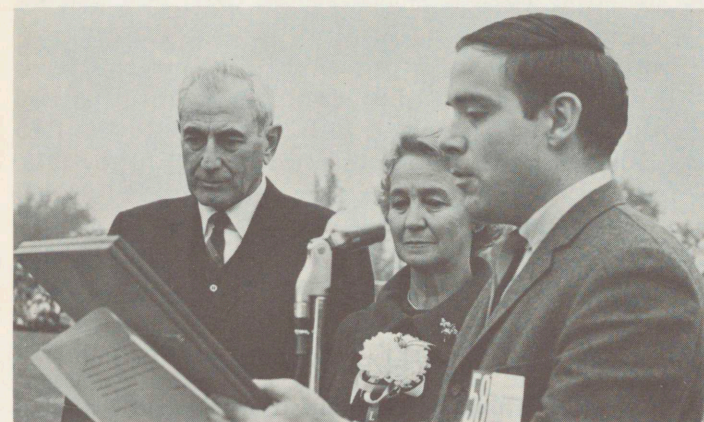
In keeping with the theme, Tenney has said, main emphasis of the observance will be to look forward, not backward—"to chart the course for the next 100 years."

Along with other activities, a Centennial Bookshelf series of publications will be issued and a documentary history of the University will be compiled.

An article on the centennial celebration by Vice President Tenney, including something of an advance look at planning for the entire five-year program, is scheduled for the January issue of *Alumnus* magazine.

Calendar committees have been at work on both the Carbondale and Edwardsville campus for several weeks and expect to have the first year's schedule of events ready to announce soon.

A number of other committees also are at work on specific areas of centennial planning, with Orville Alexander, professor of government and former alumni director, in charge of the initial event, the Charter Day Convocation.



Richard Hunsaker, right, SIU Alumni Association president, reads citation honoring Dr. and Mrs. Delyte W. Morris upon completion of 20 years as president and first lady of SIU. The framed citation and a gift were presented to President and Mrs. Morris by the Association in half-time ceremonies at the Homecoming football game at Carbondale.

## Giving Fund Tops \$11,500

Contributions totalling \$11,583 have been received thus far through the SIU Alumni Association's 1968 Annual Giving program, including response to Telefund Campaigns conducted by more than a dozen local alumni clubs.

Such gifts help enrich the University in areas not covered by state appropriations, or where state funds are not sufficient to meet the needs. Specific examples are scholarships, student loan funds, athletic awards, the annual Great Teacher prize, and faculty research projects.

Eight local clubs each collected \$500 or more through Telefund Campaigns or other organized drives, as follows: Champaign Area, \$505; Chicago Area, \$1,491; Franklin County, \$681; Jackson County, \$3,273; Springfield Area, \$697; Williamson County, \$598; Madison County, \$1,492, and St. Clair County, \$1,476.

Those still wishing to contribute in 1968 should make checks payable to the SIU Alumni Association and mail to the Alumni Office, SIU, Carbondale, Ill. 62901.

*Holiday Greetings from the SIU Alumni Association,  
Its Officers, Directors, and Staff*





Manuscripts of Robert Lewis Taylor, Pulitzer Prize winning author, are viewed by his mother, Mrs. Mabel Taylor of Carbondale, while Kenneth Duckett, left, University archivist, and Thomas Jackson, research assistant in the Morris Library rare book room, look on. Taylor's manuscripts have been presented to SIU (see story on page 4).

## Award Nominations Open

Nominations are now open for 1969 Alumni Achievement Award recipients, to be honored on Alumni Day next June. Deadline for nominations is February 15.

Robert Odaniell, SIU Alumni Association executive director, said all SIU graduates and former students are eligible for Achievement Awards, with the exception of present faculty members, members of the board of trustees, and the current Association president.

Achievement Awards have been given annually since 1948 to alumni selected for distinguished achievement in their respective professional fields or for outstanding service to the University, the Alumni Association, or both.

Any Alumni Association member may nominate Award candidates. Nominations also may be made by University academic deans and department chairmen.

Nominations and brief supporting material should be sent to Odaniell at the SIU Alumni Office, Carbondale.

## Aviation Course Crowded

The crisis in aviation has hit SIU, with some two dozen prospective students stacked in a holding pattern waiting to get in the University's aviation technology program.

Enrollment has zoomed since the program opened in the fall of 1965 with 26 students, with 214 now enrolled. Another 25 are taking General Studies courses while they wait for openings.

The two-year course is part of the VTI program but is housed at the SIU-operated Southern Illinois Airport between Carbondale and Murphysboro. Its facilities were built in 1965 to handle an enrollment then expected to reach 160 by 1975.

Teaching equipment with a replacement value of \$3-million has been provided in large part by the aircraft industry and the U.S. Air Force. A 2,600-volume reference library has been donated entirely by manufacturers.

## Woody Paid Off Early

Woody Hall is paid for, well ahead of schedule. And that makes SIU's first experience in borrowing construction funds a happy one.

Completed in 1953 as a 422-bed residence hall for women, Woody was built with a state appropriation supplemented by a self-liquidating loan of \$1,100,000 from the federal Housing

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First graduating class at the Edwardsville campus, the Class of 1958, held a 10th anniversary dinner at Homecoming. Among those present were, seated, from left, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Tite, Mr. and Mrs. Gail Buenger, and Mr. and Mrs. David Howell. Standing are Warren Stookey, Alumni Association assistant to the director with office at Edwardsville; Richard Hunsaker, Association president, and Robert Odaniell, Association executive director.

and Home Finance Agency. The loan, to be repaid from student rent, was scheduled to run until 1992.

More than 6,000 women lived in the building during the fifteen years it served as a residence hall, the last of them moving out last spring with the completion of Brush Towers. Woody is now an office building.

## Enrollment Tops 31,000

Fall quarter enrollment at SIU totals 31,913 students, more than triple the figure of just ten years ago. Included are 21,576 Carbondale campus students and 10,337 at Edwardsville.

By way of comparison, there were 10,418 students enrolled at SIU in the fall of 1958.

The current student population represents an increase of 14.8 percent over last year, including 2,316 more students at Carbondale and 1,809 more at Edwardsville.

The Carbondale total includes 1,557 enrolled at the Vocational-Technical Institute.

Largest increase is in the number of freshman students, a figure which jumped by 1,360 to a new total of 11,103.

## Admissions Rules Changed

In accordance with the Master Plan set forth by the Illinois Board of Higher Education, SIU admissions policies have been changed effective with the 1969 summer quarter.

The new policies will require that an in-state high school graduate rank in the upper half of his graduating class or achieve equivalent test scores in order to qualify for admission for the fall, winter, and spring quarters.

Students who do not qualify for admission during the regu-

# SIU Sports

Holiday basketball action looms large on the SIU sports scene this month, involving the Salukis, the Cougars, and some of Illinois' best prep competition.

Coach Jack Hartman's promising Salukis will test their strength in two big holiday tournaments, Tennessee's Volunteer Classic and the Las Vegas Invitational.

In the Knoxville meet, set for December 13 and 14, the classy field consists of Texas, Oklahoma, the Salukis, and the host Tennessee Volunteers.

After a brief Christmas respite, Hartman's cagers will challenge Nevada Southern, Montana, and San Diego State for the Las Vegas title. This meet also is a Friday-Saturday affair, December 27-28.

At Edwardsville, meanwhile, Coach Harry Gallatin's Cougars are readying themselves for the McKendree tourney December 16-17. The Cougars and the host team will be joined there by Harris Teachers College and Eureka College.

Carbondale Community High School's fifth annual holiday meet in the SIU Arena December 26-28 will offer some of the top action around for prep fans.

In addition to the host Terriers, the line-up includes Alton, Cahokia, Chicago St. Patrick, Collinsville, Decatur Eisenhower, DuQuoin, Glenbard East, Harrisburg, Herrin, Marion, Meridian, Mt. Vernon, Peoria Manual, Pinckneyville, and West Frankfort.

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When Coach Dick Towers' squad closed the season with their sixth win against three losses, it marked the first winning football season for SIU since 1961. With a 5-1 freshman team, Saluki football fortunes should be looking up.

And speaking of winning seasons, Coach Bob Guelker's Cougar soccer club had a perfect 10-0 year and probably would have been in line for post-season playoffs had they held full NCAA membership.

As a yearling in intercollegiate athletics, SIU-Edwardsville currently holds an associate membership in the NCAA but will submit formal application for full membership next year.

lar academic year are admissible to the summer quarter on a conditional basis.

An out-of-state high school graduate who ranks in the upper forty percent of his graduating class or who has achieved comparable test scores is eligible for admission any quarter. If he is not in the upper forty percent of his class (on rank or scores) but is in the upper half of his class, he will be admissible to the summer quarter on a conditional basis.

Students planning to enter SIU for either the 1969 summer or fall quarter are encouraged to submit admission credentials as soon as possible. Applications currently are being processed for all qualified students.

Further information may be obtained by writing the SIU Admissions Office at either Carbondale or Edwardsville.



## Broadcast Popular

The most widely heard program ever produced by SIU's FM radio station, WSIU, is now aired regularly by more than 70 educational stations throughout the U.S.

The program is "Latin America: Perspectives," a weekly 15-minute commentary on all aspects of Latin American life written and narrated by C. Harvey Gardiner, research professor of history and noted authority on our neighboring countries to the south.

Now in its second year on the air, the pre-recorded program is distributed to nearby areas through the facilities of the SIU Radio Tape Network and nationwide by the National Educational Radio Network.

The show is carried in such faraway areas as Alaska, California, Oregon, and New York, as well as such closer metropolitan areas as Cleveland, Atlanta, and Nashville.

Gardiner, author of numerous articles and books on Latin America, also is regarded as a Far East authority.

## Alumni Activities

THURSDAY, December 5

St. Clair County Alumni Club meeting, Belleville.

SATURDAY, January 11

Alumni Club Leaders' Workshop, Region I, Belleville. (Includes Madison, St. Clair, Monroe, Bond-Clinton, and Macoupin-Montgomery counties and St. Louis Area clubs.)

SUNDAY, January 12

Alumni Club Leaders' Workshop, Region III, Chicago. (Includes Chicago Area and Kankakee Area clubs.)

SATURDAY, January 18

Alumni Club Leaders' Workshop, Region IV, Carmi. (Includes Saline, Wayne, and White counties and Evansville Area clubs.)

SUNDAY, January 19

Alumni Club Leaders' Workshop, Region V, Herrin. (Includes Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Massac, Randolph, Perry, Washington, and Williamson counties and Paducah Area clubs.)

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## Southern Sketches

A new book by Southern Illinois historian and folklorist John W. Allen was published by SIU in November. Titled *It Happened in Southern Illinois*, the work is a collection of personal observations and of stories and folkways revealed by old records, letters, diaries, and memoirs from the area's past. . . . St. Louis orchestra leader Russ David has presented a collection of more than 10,000 published orchestral arrangements to SIU for addition to the music collection of Lovejoy Library. . . . SIU's first exchange student from the Soviet Union is now enrolled at Carbondale. He is Yuri Victorovich Pavlov, 29-year-old chemical engineer.

## Laser-Atom Breakthrough

An SIU physicist, Walter C. Henneberger, has developed a new mathematical method for describing the interaction of laser beams with atoms. His method was described in an article in the scientific journal, *Physical Review Letters*. . . . James BeMiller, chemistry professor, has been named chairman-elect of the American Chemical Society's division of carbohydrate chemistry. . . . SIU nursing department offices were moved last month from East St. Louis to the University Center at Edwardsville. Nursing students receive patient-care experience at hospitals in Madison and St. Clair counties and St. Louis. . . . Houstoun Waring, well known Colorado weekly newspaper publisher, will be visiting professor of journalism at Carbondale during the winter quarter. . . . The SIU Press has entered the recording field, its offerings to be labeled Pleiades Records.

## Novelist's Papers to SIU

Papers of Robert Lewis Taylor, biographer and Pulitzer Prize winning novelist, have been presented to SIU. Best known of the literary figures produced by Southern Illinois, Taylor is a Carbondale native who first gained national acclaim through the celebrity profiles he wrote for *The New Yorker* magazine. His dozen books include *The Travels of Jaimie McPheeters*, which won the 1959 Pulitzer Prize for fiction, as well as a critically acclaimed biography of Winston Churchill. Materials set for deposit in Morris Library include pencil and typescript drafts of all of his books except one and correspondence and working papers of his *New Yorker* profiles. Taylor also has agreed to tape record his reminiscences of the period when he was an SIU student for addition to the collection. He attended SIU in 1929, received his degree from the University of Illinois in 1933, and began his writing career on a Carbondale newspaper in 1934. He was an SIU Alumni Achievement Award recipient in 1959.



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## Gift Provides Scholarships

Scholarships for ten SIU students have been provided by Mrs. Jessie Ball DuPont of Wilmington, Del., who contributed \$5,000 through the SIU Foundation. Her gift, made to SIU on recommendation of Senator Everett M. Dirksen, will provide awards to six Carbondale campus and four Edwardsville campus students chosen on the basis of academic potential and financial need. . . . Maurice Ogur, microbiology department chairman, has been named a fellow of the American Institute of Chemists.